

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Nadi R. Itani  
Appl. No. : Continuation of 09/282,523  
Parent Filed : March 31, 1999  
Title : SUCCESSIVE APPROXIMATION CALIBRATION APPARATUS,  
SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR DYNAMIC RANGE EXTENDER

Grp/A.U. : 2612 (prior)  
Examiner : Jacqueline B. Wilson (prior)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner Jacqueline B. Wilson:

**Introductory Comments**

This preliminary amendment is filed concurrently with the present continuation application. Prior to examination, please consider the following amendments:

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.